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Dear CT Legislators of the General Assembly's Environment Committee,

I am writing to express my SUPPORT of the following bills, which will be up for public comment this Friday:

SB 115 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Establishing a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of consumer packaging will be critical of a responsible and economically feasible environmental plan for our state

SB 117 TREE REMOVAL

Improving transparency and establishing standards for the removal of trees and shrubs that constitute an immediate public hazard at state parks and campgrounds is important for the public trust

SB 118 POLYSTYRENE

Discontinuing the use of certain polystyrene trays in schools and certain polystyrene containers for food from restaurants – come on, that's a no brainer.

SB 120 PESTICIDES: CHLORPYRIFOS AND NEONICOTINOIDS

Prohibiting the use of chlorpyrifos on golf courses and for nonagricultural use and to restrict the use of neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use is CRITICAL for our state environmental and agricultural health

HB 5140 HORSESHOE CRABS

Prohibiting the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs from the waters and shoreline of the state in order to protect the horseshoe crab population will be critical to protecting our migrating shore bird population and the general health of our shorelines – a key economic driver of our state.

HB 5143 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Establishing an Office of Aquatic Invasive Species to be able to effectively coordinate and address the problems posed by such species in the waters of the state – again, no brainer.

I look forward to hearing that these bills successfully pass through the legislature this year.

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